

United States Bankruptcy Court
Eastern District of Michigan

Notice of New Guidelines for Local Rules

The Court has adopted the following Guidelines for its Local Rules, effective May 5, 2008:

Guideline 7 LBR 1009-1 Compliance

In regard to filing an amended petition, schedule, statement of financial affairs, E.D. Mich. LBR 1009-1(a) states, “The amended paper shall completely disclose all information required by the form. A ‘supplemental’ paper that merely provides additional information shall not be filed.” If a “supplemental” paper is filed, it may be stricken without a hearing and without prejudice to the right to file an amended paper that complies with the local rule.

Guideline 8 LBR 9013-5 Compliance

E.D. Mich LBR 9013-5 requires a corporate ownership statement when filing certain papers relating to contested matters. When required, that statement should be filed as part of the paper and should be separately bookmarked in the filed PDF file. If a statement of corporate ownership statement was previously filed and is therefore not required, a statement to that effect should be filed with the currently filed paper, separately bookmarked. If the required statement is not included in the paper, and the Court cannot readily determine that a statement was previously filed as required, the Court will send a notice stating that the deficiency must be corrected within eight days or the paper will be stricken.

Guideline 9 Motion Cover Sheet Compliance

Several local rules require the filing of a cover sheet with certain motions. When a cover sheet is not filed as required, the Court may enter an order striking or denying the motion without prejudice to the movant’s right to file the motion in compliance with the applicable local rule.

Steven Rhodes
Chief Bankruptcy Judge

May 1, 2008